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SENATE MEMORIAL 44

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A MEMORIAL

EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE NEW MEXICO SENATE THAT CONGRESS
RESCIND THE IRAQ RESOLUTION AND THAT CONGRESS PASS A RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS FROM
THE WAR IN IRAQ.

WHEREAS, over four thousand New Mexico army and air
national guard troops have served in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, approximately five hundred New Mexico army and
air national guard troops are currently serving in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, nearly four thousand United States troops have
lost their lives in the war in Iraq and nearly thirty thousand
have suffered injuries; and

WHEREAS, thirty-five soldiers from New Mexico have been
killed in Iraq, including two in January 2008; and

WHEREAS, President Bush deployed New Mexico's army and air

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1 national guard troops on the pretense that weapons of mass
2 destruction existed in Iraq; and

3 WHEREAS, it has been conclusively determined that there
4 were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq; and

5 WHEREAS, President Bush deployed New Mexico's army and air
6 national guard troops on the pretense that Iraq was linked to
7 the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack; and

8 WHEREAS, it has been conclusively determined that Iraq was
9 not involved in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack; and

10 WHEREAS, President Bush deployed New Mexico's army and air
11 national guard troops on the pretense that Iraq was the most
12 serious threat facing the national security of the United
13 States; and

14 WHEREAS, it has been conclusively determined that Iraq
15 poses no risk to the national security of the United States;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the center for public integrity reported in
18 January 2008 that the Bush administration made at least nine
19 hundred thirty-five false statements that led our nation into
20 war in Iraq under false pretenses; and

21 WHEREAS, according to an MSNBC online survey, ninety-four
22 percent of Americans believe that President Bush misled the
23 nation in order to go to war in Iraq; and

24 WHEREAS, according to an October 2006 *Newsweek* poll:

25 A. sixty-four percent of Americans believe that the

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1 United States is losing ground in the war in Iraq; and

2 B. sixty-six percent of Americans say the war has
3 not made the United States safe from terrorism; and

4 WHEREAS, according to a November-December 2007 *USA*
5 *Today/Gallup* poll, fifty-seven percent of Americans believe
6 that it was a mistake to go to war in Iraq in 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, according to a *CNN/USA Today/Gallup* poll, fifty-
8 five percent of Americans do not view the war in Iraq as being
9 related to the war against terrorism; and

10 WHEREAS, United States' allies in Iraq have drastically
11 reduced their forces since the March 2003 invasion; and

12 WHEREAS, three of the United States' allies in Iraq,
13 Italy, Bulgaria and Ukraine, withdrew all of their forces in
14 2005 and 2006, and a half dozen other allies are debating
15 possible withdrawals; and

16 WHEREAS, according to a January 2008 *Los Angeles*
17 *Times/Bloomberg* poll, nearly three out of four American voters
18 believe that United States forces should withdraw within the
19 year; and

20 WHEREAS, more than one thousand uniformed, active-duty
21 military personnel, many of whom have served in Iraq, have
22 appealed for redress to congress stating that "staying in Iraq
23 will not work and is not worth the price. It is time for U.S.
24 troops to come home."; and

25 WHEREAS, according to a January 2008 *International Policy*

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1 Attitudes poll, eighty-seven percent of Iraqis want their
2 government to request a withdrawal of United States forces in
3 Iraq; and

4 WHEREAS, according to a December 2007 *NBC News/Wall Street*
5 *Journal* poll, fifty-six percent of Americans do not believe
6 that the United States can achieve victory in Iraq; and

7 WHEREAS, according to a January 2008 *CNN/Opinion Research*
8 poll, sixty-three percent of Americans oppose the war in Iraq;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, America's soldiers are caught in the middle of a
11 civil war from which there is no victory in sight; and

12 WHEREAS, almost one-half of all American military
13 casualties are caused by roadside bombs, such that American
14 forces have simply become defenseless human targets for
15 pointless slaughter;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
17 OF NEW MEXICO that congress hereby be called upon to rescind
18 the Iraq resolution and to pass a resolution calling for the
19 immediate withdrawal of American troops from Iraq; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution in no way
21 condemn our military men and women who honorably performed
22 their duties in Iraq according to their understanding; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the president of the United States senate, the
25 majority leader of the United States house of representatives

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and the members of the New Mexico congressional delegation.